

MIDGETS IN FLOOD

Wortham's Little Filipinos Nearly Drown in Their Tent.

Rescue Party Carries Them to Places of Safety.

The Filipino Midgets exhibiting with the Wortham shows at the fair grounds were nearly drowned during Thursday's downpour and the little man and woman had a bad scare.

The tent where the midgets live is situated just back of the one in which they exhibit and is about a foot lower than the midway. A small dirt path somewhere above the ground was used for a time a large volume of water poured down the midway, forcing its way through the exhibition tent where the midgets were watching the show.

Soon a mighty yell brought them up standing. Forcing their way through the water, they found the little man and woman on the top of their beds, but at that waist deep in water.

Taking one by each hand, Col. Farley, their exhibitor, soon had them in his state room on the car, and in a short time a thoroughly disgusted Filipino male midget was wrapped in a blanket before a stove, cursing Topeka rains and fair grounds in fifty-five dialects of the islands.

The last report from the little people are that they are in no danger of any serious illness and again are presentable. They will receive as usual tonight.

Rearrangement of Program.

In addition to the regular concerts by the Wortham bands, special programs have been arranged in all the shows and a speed test in the stadium, in which four riders will participate has been scheduled.

The grounds have been thoroughly worked over and are in a perfect condition in spite of the storms, cloudbursts and mud having been placed over all muddy places, making a dry midway from start to finish.

The Shriners have rearranged their program tonight owing to the wet weather of the last two days and will present all the features advertised for those nights at once.

The celebrated Modoc club will sing in front of all the shows in turn tonight and Marshall's band will give a special band concert from 7 to 7:30. The Shriners' quester contest has been postponed until Saturday night at the same hour for closing on account of weather conditions not permitting friends of the various candidates to attend, thus causing a great loss of votes to several of those interested.

It has now been arranged to have the final votes cast at 9 o'clock Saturday night on the carnival grounds, at the Shriners' country store, where ballot boxes will be placed from 7 o'clock on. Votes are to be left down town after that time.

The winner will be announced immediately after the final count and will have the choice of several prizes.

SATURDAY

Is the day you save the most money at the Owl Stores!

Special List

Good at our stores until market changes.

White House Flour (48 lbs. of satisfaction)	\$1.87
New Bunch Beets, 2 for	50c
Asparagus—2 large bunches	50c
Fine New Potatoes, No. 3	4c
No. 3 Bull Finest Open Kettle	38c
Rendered Pure Lard	18c
Fancy Large Lemons, dozen	18c
5 rolls Best 10c Toilet Paper (special)	25c
Fresh Country Eggs, dozen	18c
Our Fine Bread—3 for 10c, 4c and 5c	9c
Mustard	8c
Ice Cream—finest made—each	50c
4 Cans Tomatoes	25c
4 Cans Good Standard Corn	25c

Monday, Decoration Day—All Our Stores Close at 12:00 O'clock

4 Cans Pens	25c
4 Cans Hominy	25c
8 Bars Best White Soap	25c
3 Cans Pet Milk	10c
6 Cans Evap. Milk	25c
No. 2 Sizes Cans Kraut—Fine	5c
Green Onions—Bunch	1c
Fresh Radishes—6 bunches	5c
Calumet or K. C. 25c Baking Powder	18c
Can 20c Fancy Red Salmon	16c
Large Pkg. Pure Cinnamon or Pepper	5c
10 Bars White Rose Soap	23c
18 lbs. Sal Soda	25c
7 lbs. Best Bulk Starch	25c

Money saved each order. Phone Orders 4198.

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either a trip to the Panama-Pacific exposition, with the Shriners if she wishes, or any other way she may desire, or the choice of a diamond ring or diamond la valiere.

Interest is very keen in the race and several candidates are holding off their horses until the last minute. There is a fair field and no favor assured to any candidates by the Shriners, who are busy working the voters and getting the top bona fide vote will surely win.

The count this morning is as follows:
Hazel Clark, 17,907.
Miss Cramer, 17,881.
Lula Baumgardner, 5,135.
Marguerite Gohlke, 3,776.
May Mir workman, 2,248.
Mrs. Arthur Miller, 3,116.
Lucy Hall, 2,954.
Panay Burns, 1,998.
Mrs. V. J. Miller, 1,402.
Anna Donovan, 1,242.

WILL BE NO FLOOD.

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This morning was 1.26 inches at Hanover, a district that does not affect the Kansas river. The wind shifted at all the stations reporting but in no place was a heavy fall received.

Reports from Abilene show that the Smoky Hill river is up five feet above the normal stage. The Kaw river rose 3.2 feet at Kansas City and is now two-tenths of a foot above normal stage. The wind shifted to the northwest last night, giving promise of fair weather.

Tracks Under Water.

With tracks 1 to 2 feet under water in many places and bridges washed away, the Santa Fe railway is being confronted with real problems on the Missouri division. Detailed reports of the destruction by the near cloudbursts were received every minute this morning by C. W. Kouns, of Topeka, general manager. In several instances repairs cannot be started until it stops raining, or until the waters recede.

Just east of Kansas City, Mo., the Shriners' bridge over the severe slides caused difficulty. Only one of the double tracks could be used and trains are running over the west track. The Carrollton bridge, which is broken, a near cloudburst at 5 o'clock this morning put the main line of the Santa Fe temporarily out of service. The bridge was washed away that 1,100 feet of track has been washed away and that the water is two feet over the track and very swift.

Superintendent of the Santa Fe, Mr. Kouns, said that repair work will begin promptly as soon as the rain stops. East of Carrollton, a bridge at Hardin, Mo., has been washed away. The bridge was washed away, just west of Crooked river. The trouble at Hardin is not serious.

Train Service Suspended.

The Leavenworth & Topeka railroad is not being operated today. Between Oskaloosa and Oswawie, 790 feet of track has been washed away.

The Leavenworth & Topeka railroad, 500 feet a half mile north of Valley Falls was washed away and the water is 14 inches above the rails.

Detouring Trains.

The Kansas river is over the tracks at Holliday. The track is not in a dangerous condition, it is said.

A quarter mile track near Lawrence is covered with water. The Santa Fe through trains are being detoured over the Burlington from Kansas City to Bucklin, 100 miles west of Lawrence, Mo.

Reports in Topeka today say that the water is only a few inches below the Carrollton depot flooring.

But with these Santa Fe reports from Missouri, come reassuring ones from Oklahoma and Kansas.

The Oklahoma Central branch of the Santa, which has been in a state of trouble for weeks and practically disabled by rains for several days, is now clear. Water has receded on the southern Kansas divisions and the general manager's office is devoting all of its attention to the trouble on the main line in Missouri.

No R. I. Trouble in Kansas.

The office of the general manager of the Rock Island here said this morning that no trouble from water is reported over Kansas waters. The Rock Island lines in Missouri are having some difficulty, particularly in the neighborhood of Pleasant Hill.

Rumors Start Scare.

Wild rumors last night of water sweeping down across the lowland north of Soldier creek from a break in the dikes around the Reform school district brought many residents of the Taylor tract and Garfield place from their beds at midnight, ready to move from their homes to a higher place.

A report late last night had Soldier out of its banks on the south side of Garfield park, but the creek has remained almost at a standstill since yesterday evening.

The creek is out on the lowland near Menoken, three miles to the west but a rise of several feet is necessary to bring a danger of flood at Topeka. As long as the river remains at its present stage there is no reason to apprehend any danger from the creek. Indian creek was on a rampage nearly all day Thursday but it was falling last night.

Shu-chunanga left its banks in Quilley Heights at midnight last night but the water has receded rapidly since that time and the creek is well within its banks this morning.

At Manhattan.

A slow deluge rain started falling at Manhattan this morning early and will probably continue all day. The total rainfall here for the month of May is 9.98 inches, the highest amount that fell in 1904 by .03 inches. The rain, however, has come so slowly that the water has had time to run off the banks. The River at Manhattan is up about five feet. The normal stage of the Kaw is 6 feet and it now stands at 11.3 feet. Both rivers are rising very slowly this morning.

At Junction City.

Rain amounting to five-eighths of an inch fell at Junction City last night. The fall ceased early this morning but the water has been rising steadily for more than two days. The Smoky Hill river raised 1.2 feet but the rise was balanced by a fall of one foot in the Republican River. The rise of three feet will put the river out on the lowlands but an eight foot rise would be necessary to cause any serious damage. The small creeks have been out of their banks and have caused some damage to farm lands near Junction City.

A thousand dollar prize is offered through the American Social Hygiene Association of New York City for the best original pamphlet for boys and girls between 12 and 16 years of age on the problem of social hygiene.

A free moving picture show is given every night at the public high school of Santa Rosa, Cal.

WHAT OF DIVERS?

Daniels Wants to Know Cause of Submarine Failure.

Poor Showing Made at Naval Review Proves Inefficiency.

Washington, May 28.—What is the matter with Uncle Sam's submarines? Secretary Daniels wants to know. With unofficial reports indicating that half of the twelve submarines assigned to participate in the war game with the Atlantic fleet were at least partially ineffective, Secretary Daniels has announced his determination to make a thorough investigation to find the cause of, and, if possible, a remedy for, the too frequent breakdowns of the navy's most important weapon.

Boats Are Obsolete.

"With the growing importance of the submarine as an instrument of warfare," said the secretary, "I feel that too much attention cannot be paid to the efficiency of the service and every effort of the department will be directed to improving the records made by submarines during the war game. The submarine is still in an experimental stage and the boat of two years ago, as compared with those now in active service, is comparatively obsolete than an automobile of three years ago."

NO GREAT FLOOD.

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Injured in a tornado six miles east of Adair.

Great Property Damage.

Great property damage is reported as a result of tornadoes at Checotah, Cleora and Stigler, Okla. At the last named town the property damage, exclusive of that to crops in that district, is estimated at \$100,000. The town is without light at night.

Fifty residences within the damage by the tornado at Checotah Thursday night. The damage there is placed at \$30,000.

The vast storm center which was in southern Kansas and the Texas Panhandle Wednesday, and yesterday in northern Oklahoma, has moved north and east until it now hovers over the Missouri river.

P. Connor, local weather observer, pointed out that with the coming of the crest in the Missouri tomorrow, the bottoms and the lowlands of the Missouri river probably will continue flooded, but that no grave danger is anticipated.

Flood Warnings on Missouri.

Flood warnings have been sent to all points down the Missouri river. No warnings, however, have been sent north along the Missouri or west along the Kansas. It was asserted the Missouri will continue rising at and between Checotah, but a flood is not indicated there.

While the flood danger near the mouth of the Kansas river here had been pointed out as a possibility, the railroad bridges were threatened, but said ballast is being used to hold them down and it is believed they are safe.

Reports from Trenton, Mo., tell of a wind and electrical storm early today, in which much property damage was done. The Grand river was causing some trouble also.

The local United States weather observer today issued a report asserting that "all rivers and streams in this low St. Joseph district except at Kansas City and below."

Fine Homes Swamped.

Trouble in Kansas City centers in the Argentine and Armourdale sections of Kansas City, Kan., in the Blue river valley district on the eastern edge of the city, and in the Rockhill district, an exclusive South side residential section, where the water has flooded the lower floors of numbers of homes.

Throughout the night furniture vans scurried and splashed through the streets, and the trouble from furniture and persons to safety.

Squads of police and firemen have been stationed at danger points to effect rescue.

P. Connor, local United States weather observer, asserted today that it is raining from Wyoming to the Gulf of Mexico and that this section is the center of the disturbance. He pointed out that the situation is grave.

All Trains Late.

All trains arriving here from the west today were late, many of them being delayed by rain. Reports from west Missouri indicate the situation there is accounted serious. The Grand river is out of its banks and a section of Pattonburg is inundated. The village of Santa Rosa, near Pattonburg, is entirely under water and has been abandoned.

The late river at Platte City is more than a mile wide. Tracy, a town near Platte City, also is menaced and most of the inhabitants have removed to higher places.

Muscatine, Iowa, reported yesterday entirely surrounded by the flood waters of the Delaware and Little Grass rivers. Today it was in no danger. Farmers in the vicinity, however, had been forced to higher ground.

The Missouri river at Atchison was still rising this morning, however, the high water was reported to be receding despite a steady, drizzling rain which fell through the night.

Des Moines Is Threatened.

Des Moines, Ia., May 28.—Serious flood conditions along the Des Moines river and in Des Moines were threatened today as the result of unusually heavy rain yesterday. A report from Fort Dodge that the Des Moines river was overflowing its banks at that place, was a warning for a possible repetition of the situation of 1903, when much property was destroyed.

More Rain at Atchison.

Atchison, Kan., May 28.—Another heavy rain, 1.45 inches fell here last night, sending small streams out of their banks again, although not as high as Wednesday. The Delaware river is still out of its banks at Muscatine. The Missouri River here has risen three feet in the last two days and is still rising. Trains tonight are running late, on account of soft track and slow drivers. The rain fall thus far in May is nine and one-half inches.

Railroads Suffer Loss.

Springfield, Mo., May 28.—High water, which has caused the loss of much track on the Frisco and Kansas City, Mo., & Springfield railroads, was reported to be receding this morning. Many trains are being detoured in the vicinity of Clinton and also on the Salem branch of the Frisco.

Drowned in Swollen Platte. Joseph Perry, 21 years old, was drowned near Platte City when he and

IT FAILS TO ELECT.

Diocesan Convention Adjourns Without Choosing Bishop Candidate.

ARKANSAS FLOOD SWIFT.

Rain Falls Over Whole State; Many Farms Inundated.

Little Rock, May 28.—The worst flood in recent years is sweeping the Arkansas valley according to reports received in Little Rock from various points along the waterway. Low farm lands are inundated, crops and farm buildings have been damaged seriously, railway service is maintained with difficulty in some places, the lives of many residents of the lowlands imperiled, and the crest is not yet in sight.

A Rock Island bridge across Petit Jean creek, near Booneville, was washed out of trains have been discontinued until repairs can be thrown a bridge across the gap.

At Benton, with his wife and three children, was off an island in the Arkansas river, four miles below Little Rock, today, when it was seen the flood would inundate the farm.

THINKS HE SAW TORPEDO'S WAKE

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The deck smashing the rail on one side, a strong steel girder forming part of a hatch was blown out and some went overboard. In the deck flooring, near the hatch, two large holes were made, revealing the naked steel of two of which were cut through clearly.

The bunks occupied by the boatwain and two quartermasters, all of whom were injured, and a mass of wreckage and the men are wondering how they escaped more serious hurts. All the furniture and woodwork in the room was broken into fragments. The boatwain suffered injuries to the head, arms and legs. Both quartermasters were badly bruised.

Submarine Near Nebraska.

Crookhaven, Ireland, May 28.—Captains of Crookhaven schooners and fishing boats, who were in the vicinity of the American steamer Nebraska when she was torpedoed, claim to have witnessed the torpedoing of three small fishing boats while they were shooting nets.

Soon afterward they saw a steamer flying the American flag going west. Then they heard a loud report, followed by the coming west of a high speed torpedo. The full amount he demanded, \$497.50.

The Adames have been living in Kansas City. They formerly sold flour in Topeka and accumulated some property. Bollinger laid the foundation for his operations against his former client by levying an attachment upon enough property to satisfy a judgment, in the case he got one.

H. S. COMMENCEMENT

Coming Week Will Be a Busy One for the Graduates.

Preparatory to commencement exercises at which about 165 pupils of the senior class will graduate next Friday night, plans are being made to make the coming week at the Topeka high school an eventful one.

The commencement will be held next Friday night at the City auditorium. A purely student program will be given. The high school glee club and orchestra will take a prominent part. A reading will be given by Esther Gilman.

Mr. Gilbert will give the class oration. H. B. Wilson, superintendent of city schools, will preside. P. W. Griggs will award the diplomas.

There will be no school Monday. Memorial day. There will be regular work Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday will be class day.

PORTER IS VEXED.

Park Commissioner Has Been Burdened With New Duties.

W. L. Porter, city commissioner of parks, has a grievance. Just because he had an emergency sewer pump installed in North Topeka to pump flood water, he finds that he has fallen heir to the job of operating the pump. One would think that the city department, looked after by the street department, but Porter has been doing it. But this is not half of Porter's troubles.

When the rain was so bad today, Thursday afternoon, Porter was drawing solace from his favorite pipe and congratulating himself upon being comfortably housed in his office. He had spent the better part of the morning attending that pump. All the water which needed pumping had been lifted over the dike and the water was feeling good in the thought that no more pumping needed to be done.

Then the telephone rang and Porter was informed that the country in the vicinity of that pump was being flooded and that the water had to be pumped immediately or sooner. Quick action was demanded and Porter responded with all haste. He was in such a hurry he dropped his favorite pipe. It scattered in pieces over the floor. That was the last straw. It broke Porter's patience. The things he said—well, what he said did not mend the pipe.

STORES CLOSE MONDAY

Topeka Will Recognize May 31 as Memorial Day.

Topeka stores will be closed Monday, Memorial day, according to an agreement made today by the city and the club will be practically closed. Practically all the leading merchants of the city have signified their intentions of closing all day or at least a half day.

TOMORROW

Beef Chuck Roasts or Boils, per lb. 12½c

New Beets Home grown, 2 bunches 5c

New Potatoes Six lbs. 25c

New Peas per lb. 5c

Fancy home grown Strawberries.

Store closes 11 o'clock Monday, May 31, account Decoration Day.

Phone 4190 900 North Kan. Ave. MORNS & MYERS

Chicago, May 28.—WHEAT—Unfavorable weather today made the wheat market firm. Reports from Missouri and Kansas especially told of torrential rains, flooding fields and of grain beaten to the earth. Cable quotations were against the bears. After opening unchanged to ½¢ higher, prices here reacted a little, but again turned up grade.

Subsequently weakness developed owing to bearish crop opinion from southwestern railroad sources. There were also advices that shipments of new wheat from Canada had begun. The close was heavy at ½¢ to ¾¢ under last night.

After planting and to deliveries from first hands tended to life the price of corn. Besides, damage reports from the west, which were followed by an interval of steadiness at the same level.

Later the market sagged with wheat. The close was at the same as last night, to ¾¢ down.

OATS—Oats took the same course as wheat, the volume of trade was only fair.

PROVISIONS—Lower prices for hogs weakened provisions. Transactions were chiefly in pork.

Chicago Grain Market. (The range of prices for grain futures on the Chicago Board of Trade as reported by Thos. J. Myers, Broker, Columbia Bldg.)

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